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NOTES AND NEWS

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the American Philosophical Association in New York City, on March 8, it was voted that the next meeting of the association be held in Chicago on December 28, 29, and 30, in conjunction with the Political Science and American Historical Associations. The three associations will participate in a joint discussion on a topic to be announced later.

For discussion in the Philosophical Association, the following topic is proposed:

"The interpretation of justice, with special reference to problems forced to the front by present economic, social, and political conditions."

A more definite formulation of this topic will be announced after another meeting of the Executive Committee in June. In the meantime members of the association are invited to offer, either by correspondence with the Secretary or by publication, suggestions looking to further definition of the topic and possible restriction of the scope of the discussion.

(Signed) E. G. Spaulding,
Secretary.

A Conference on Individual Psychology was held at Columbia University, April 6–8, by former pupils of the Department of Psychology. Among the thirty-odd names appearing on the programme were those of Professors Brown, of the University of California, Woodrow, of Minnesota, Henmon, of Wisconsin, Jones, of Indiana, Breese, of Cincinnati, Ruediger, of George Washington, Gordon, of Bryn Mawr, Dr. Wells, of McLean Hos-

pital, Dr. Bruner, of the Department of Child Study of the Chicago Public Schools, and many from New York and vicinity. The topic of individual differences was considered on many sides, in regard to sense discrimination, reaction time, attention, intelligence, susceptibility to practise, as well as with reference to education, vocational guidance, pathology, and anthropology. At the close of the Conference, the members gave a complimentary dinner to Professor James McKeen Cattell, in recognition of the twenty-fifth anniversary of his first appointment as Professor of Psychology. He was presented on this occasion with a volume entitled "The Psychological Researches of James McKeen Cattell: A Review by Some of His Pupils," the authors being Messrs. Henmon, Dearborn, Wells, Woodworth, Hollingworth, and Thorndike.

THE following note on "The Art of Refusing Manuscripts" is reprinted from the *Journal des Debats:*

"Le rédacteur en chef du *Tsin Pao,* journal chinois, reçut un manuscrit qui ne méritait pas d'être inséré. Cet accident est commun à tous les directeurs; diverses formules sont employées, qui adoucissent la blessure en même temps qu'on la fait. On dit le plus souvent: 'Votre manuscrit est excellent, malheureusement il ne serait pas compris du public.' Ainsi, l'auteur malheureux est exalté en même temps qu'évincé; le directeur se tire d'affaire tout en agissant d'autorité, et le lecteur est à la fois calomnié et épargné.—On peut encore invoquer la ligne du journal, ligne magique, mobile, et défensive, éternellement opposée au solliciteur. Si le sujet est neuf, il est facile de décliner l'honneur d'en parler; et s'il ne l'est point, il est aisé de refuser l'article. On peut encore invoquer l'absence de place, la susceptibilité des rédacteurs attitrés; on peut même accepter le manuscrit: c'est un des plus sûrs moyens de ne jamais le publier.

"Ainsi font les grossiers Occidentaux. Mais la politesse des fils du Ciel est exquise. Le rédacteur du *Tsin Pao* écrivit en retournant le manuscrit refusé: 'Très vénérable frère du soleil et de la lune! Ton esclave se courbe à tes pieds! Je baise le sol devant toi, et j'implore de toi la permission de parler et de vivre. Ton manuscrit, très vénéré, a passé entièrement sous nos yeux, et nous l'avons lu avec ravissement. C'est avec peur et tremblement que je vous le renvoie. Si je me hasardais à le publier, le président m'ordonnerait aussitôt de prendre ce bijou pour modèle, de ne plus jamais m'en écarter, et de n'avoir jamais la hardiesse de rien publier qui lui fût inférieur. Or, ma longue expérience des lettres m'a appris que de telles perles ne peuvent être produites qu'une fois, une fois tous les dix mille ans. C'est pourquoi je dois vous la rendre. Je vous en conjure, pardonnez-moi. Je suis à vos pieds, esclave de vos esclaves.'"

The Editors trust that all friends of this JOURNAL appreciate that these are their sentiments on any similar occasion.